

EXHIBIT “C”

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

3 WACO DIVISION

4 SBI CRYPTO CO., LTD.,)

5 Plaintiff,)

6 VS)

7) CIVIL ACTION NO.
8) 6:23-cv-252-ADA-JCM

9 WHINSTONE US, INC.,)

10 Defendant.)

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12 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

13 CARSON SMITH

14 August 21, 2024

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25 Susan S. Klinger, RMR-CRR, CSR

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1	VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter today is	09:09:50
2	Susan Klinger, also representing Planet Depos.	09:09:52
3	The witness may now be sworn.	09:09:54
4	CARSON SMITH,	09:09:54
5	having been first duly sworn testified as follows:	09:09:54
6	EXAMINATION	09:09:54
7	BY MR. SLOVAK:	09:10:03
8	Q Good morning, Mr. Smith. How are you?	09:10:03
9	A Good morning.	09:10:07
10	Q My name is Rob Slovak, and as you know, I	09:10:07
11	represent Whinstone. You are aware that there is	09:10:10
12	a lawsuit that exists between SBI Crypto Limited	09:10:13
13	and Whinstone US, Inc.?	09:10:16
14	A Yes.	09:10:18
15	Q Okay. And were you -- let me start here.	09:10:19
16	Have you been deposed before?	09:10:24
17	A No, I have not been deposed.	09:10:25
18	Q Okay. So I'm going to ask questions. The	09:10:27
19	court reporter is going to try to take down	09:10:32
20	everything that I say. She also is going to try	09:10:34
21	to take down everything that you say.	09:10:36
22	So if we can have an agreement not to talk	09:10:38
23	over one another, I will try to allow you to	09:10:40
24	finish your answer if you will allow me to finish	09:10:43
25	my question so she gets everything on the record.	09:10:45

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1	lawsuit?	09:30:55
2	A No, I am not.	09:30:56
3	Q Are you being compensated here today?	09:30:57
4	A I am being compensated for my time here.	09:30:59
5	Q And how are you being compensated?	09:31:01
6	A I'm being paid for the time that I spent.	09:31:03
7	Q And I -- that was a terrible question. I	09:31:07
8	should have been more specific. Are you being	09:31:09
9	paid an hourly wage or are you --	09:31:11
10	A I'm being paid hourly.	09:31:12
11	Q Okay. And what is your hourly rate?	09:31:14
12	A Currently that hasn't been decided. I'm	09:31:15
13	waiting for the contract from SBI Crypto to do	09:31:18
14	that.	09:31:21
15	Q Okay. And so -- but you are anticipating	09:31:21
16	some agreement with SBI Crypto to be compensated	09:31:28
17	for testifying here today, right?	09:31:31
18	A For spending my time to testify.	09:31:34
19	Q Okay. And by spending your time to	09:31:37
20	testify, does that also mean preparing to testify?	09:31:39
21	A That does.	09:31:42
22	Q Okay. And so let's talk about that for a	09:31:43
23	second. What did you do, Mr. Smith, in order to	09:31:45
24	testify -- to prepare to testify here today?	09:31:49
25	A I reviewed the filed complaint, I reviewed	09:31:51

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SHORTHAND REPORTER

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3 I, Susan S. Klinger, the officer before
4 whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby
5 certify that the foregoing transcript is a true
6 and correct record of the testimony given; that
7 said testimony was taken by me stenographically
8 and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my
9 direction; that reading and signing was
10 requested; and that I am neither counsel for,
11 related to, nor employed by any of the parties to
12 this case and have no interest, financial or
13 otherwise in its outcome.

14 Time on the record:

15 Mr. Slovak: 7:30

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my
17 hand on the 2nd of September, 2024.

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22 Texas CSR 6531, Exp: 10/23/25

23 California CSR 14487, Exp: 11/30/24
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